PUBLIC NOTICE

APPLICANT: Tennessee Department of Transportation

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LOCATION: The proposed aquatic resource alteration is located adjacent to state route (SR) 30 over Rock Creek (LM 16.50) in Polk County (35.0704°N, 84.3428°W).

WATERSHED DESCRIPTION: The aquatic resource proposed to be altered is an unnamed tributary to Rock Creek. The tributary is located in the Ocoee watershed (HUC 06020003). The tributary ranges in width from 1 ft. to 5 ft. and approximately 1 ft. deep. The water depth ranges from 1 to 2 in. deep and is 1 foot wide. Land surrounding the immediate area is the Cherokee National Forest. The tributary has not been assessed.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to relocate 205 ft. of an unnamed tributary to Rock Creek into 205 ft. of constructed channel. The constructed channel bottom width would range from 1 to 3 ft. and top of bank width would range from 2 to 5 ft. The sides would be sloped at a 3 to 1 ratio and have trees planted along the western side of the channel and some on the eastern side at the confluence of the tributary and Rock Creek. Trees to be planted include ironwood, black willow, sweetgum, green ash, and sycamore. This relocation is associated with two bridge replacements that were permitted in 2004. In accordance with the Tennessee Antidegradation Statement (Rule 1200-4-3-.06), the division has determined that the proposed activity will not result in degradation to water quality.

PERMIT COORDINATOR: Trent Thomas

PERMIT APPLICATION NUMBER: NRS 04.339E

USGS TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLE: Caney Creek, TN (126 - SE)

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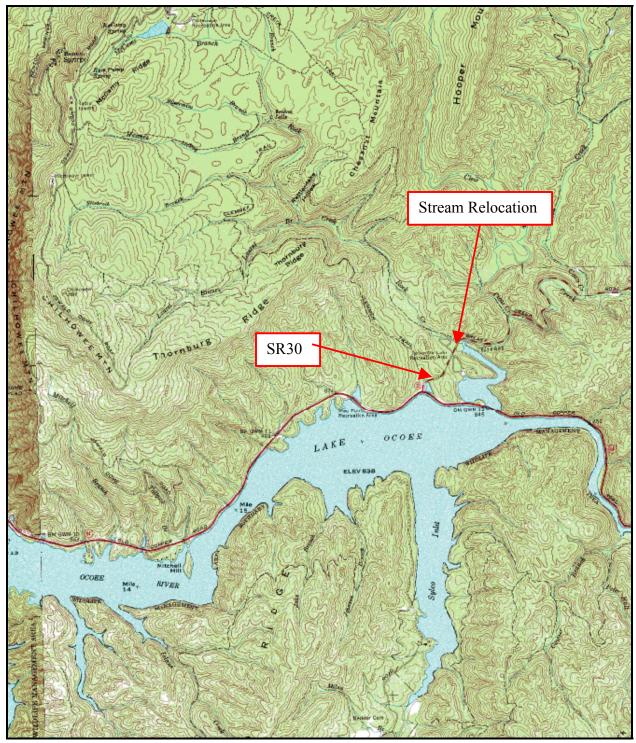


Figure 1: Approximate location of proposed stream relocation

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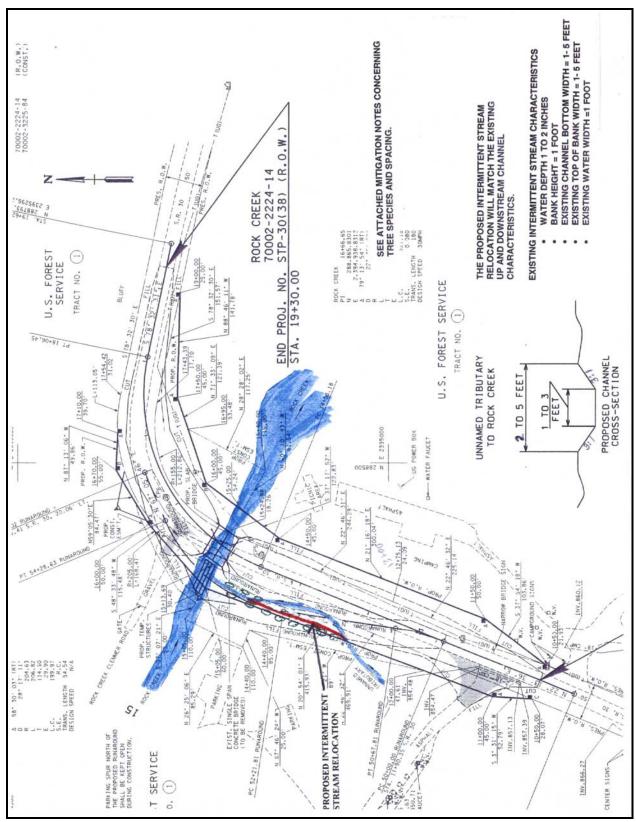


Figure 2: Detailed drawing of proposed relocation

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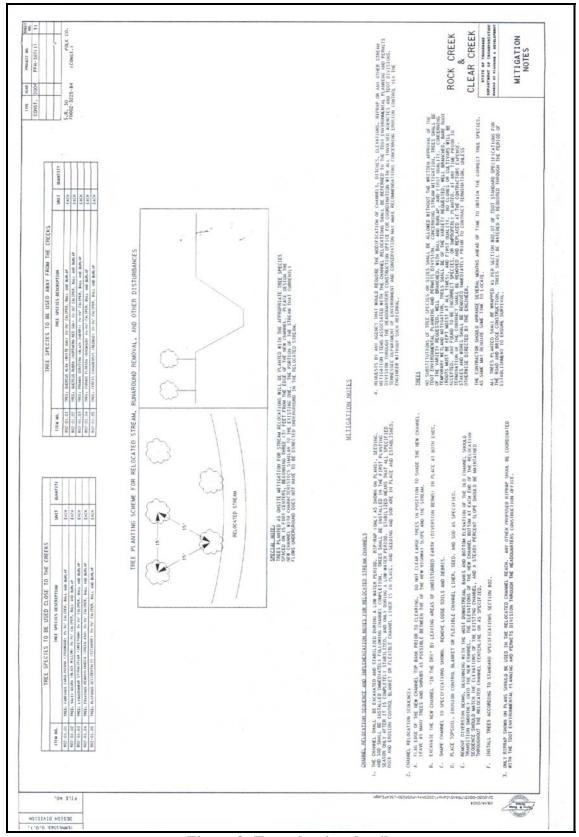


Figure 3: Tree planting details